IN THE CLAIMS:

1.   (Amended) A dog treat, chew or toy comprising acetic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and sodium hexametaphosphate.

2.   (Amended) The dog treat, chew or toy of claim 1, comprising a vegetable chew and about 1% acetic acid .

3.   (Originally presented) The dog treat, chew or toy of claim 1, comprising a rawhide chew.

4.   (Amended) The dog treat, chew or toy of claim 1, comprising a nylon bone and about 1% acetic acid.

5.   (Originally presented) The dog treat, chew or toy of claim 1, wherein the dog treat, chew or toy comprises dental floss wound up or thread together to make a treat, chew or toy.

6.   (Originally presented) The dog treat, chew or toy of claim 1, wherein the acetic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is coated on or included in a treat, chew or toy.

7.   Cancelled.

8.   (Amended) A dental composition comprising acetic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and about 0.05% sodium hexametaphosphate.

9.   (Originally presented) The composition of claim 8, wherein the dental composition is a dental product selected from the group consisting of a toothpaste, a tooth gel, a tooth cream, a tooth powder, dentifrice, oral spray, a chewable tablet, a chewable tablet coating, a chewing gum, a mouth freshener, a mouthwash, a mouth rinse, a flush, a plaster, a toothpick, a dental floss, a dental wipe and a dental pack.

10.   (Originally presented) The composition of claim 8, comprising about 0.1% to about 5% acetic acid, preferably about 1% acetic acid.

11.   Cancelled.

12.   (Originally presented) The composition of claim 8, further comprising a fluorine providing compound.

13.   (Originally presented) The composition of claim 8, further comprising a flavoring agent.

14.   (Originally presented) The composition of claim 8, further comprising a colorant.

15.   (Originally presented) The composition of claim 8, further comprising an abrasive.

Please cancel claims 16-20.